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*A.*—(*a*) Panchayat courts are supplied with such stationery as is actually required. As regards furniture, Collectors have been empowered to supply furniture to important courts which sit regularly on the following scale subject to budget provision wherever they consider it desirable to do so :—

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| One chair, | One small table, and |
| One bench, | One record box. |

(*b*) & (*c*) No regular peons have been sanctioned for these courts. Under section 11 of the Madras Village Courts Act it is the duty of village servants to serve processes. The Government have already authorized Collectors to employ special process-servers where the file of a village court comes up to 200 cases per annum.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—"May I know why only one chair, etc., are provided when as a matter of fact panchayat courts consist of three to four persons? Will he consider the question?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No, Sir. The answer given is full."

## Corporation

*Supply of clothing to Corporation subordinates.*

*1301 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that no clothing for Corporation subordinates was supplied during the year 1927–28 ; and if so, why ;

(*b*) what was the amount allotted in the budget for 1927–28 for clothing and how it was utilized if clothing was not supplied ; and

(*c*) whether it was allowed to lapse and if so, why?

*A.*—(*a*) It is not a fact that clothing was not supplied in 1927–28.

(*b*) & (*c*) A sum of Rs. 9,950 was allotted in the budget for 1927–28 for the supply of clothing and the amount was fully utilized for the purpose in the said year.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"The answer to clause (*a*) is that it is not a fact that clothing was not supplied in 1927–28. Does it mean that it is a fact that clothing was supplied?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I believe that clothes were supplied. The answer indicates that clothing was supplied."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"May I know whether clothing was supplied to all the menials who generally receive clothing?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am afraid this is a matter of detail."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Minister may require notice. There is no Standing Order saying that the Government need not supply details.".

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Then, Sir, I want notice."